

## Preliminary Data on Fathers Served

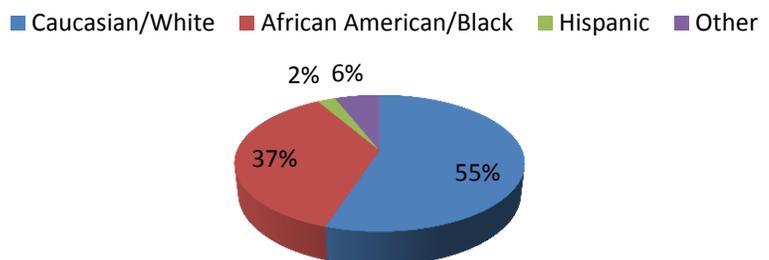
The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood (OCF) currently funds six organizations who implement regional fatherhood programs throughout the state. The organizations receiving SFY 2014-2015 funding are [Urban Light Ministries](#), [Forever Dads](#), [Charisma Community Connection](#), [Action for Children](#), [WSOS](#) and [Talbert House](#). They provide fatherhood classes and individual coaching, co-parenting and relationship classes, legal aide, assistance with child support and/or visitation and employment services for unemployed and under-employed fathers.

Since August 2013, OCF-funded programs have served more than 4,500 fathers, potentially benefiting more than 9,000 children. This number is comprised of fathers who attended community wide events, sought out assistance with legal aide, child support and/or visitation, attended classes, etc. Although OCF funded programs have served over 4,500 fathers only 460 of those fathers have enrolled in fatherhood classes. These particular fathers count towards the required 200 fathers served per grantee each biennium. The following data is extrapolated from 460 fathers located throughout the six regions.

### Demographics

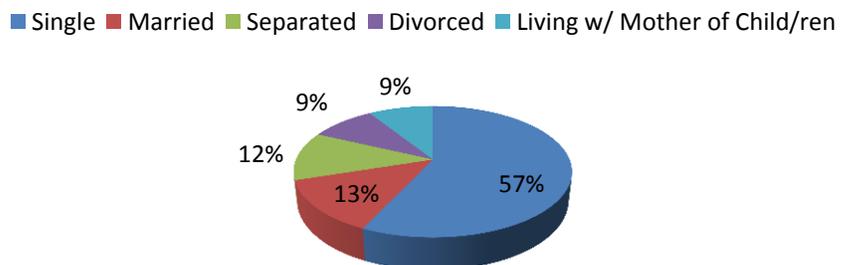
**Race/ Ethnicity:** Approximately 55 percent of 460 fathers served were Caucasian/White, and approximately 37 percent were African American/Black. Hispanics are 2 percent of the population and 6 percent fell within “Other” (e.g. Native American, Asian, etc.).

#### Race/Ethnicity of Fathers

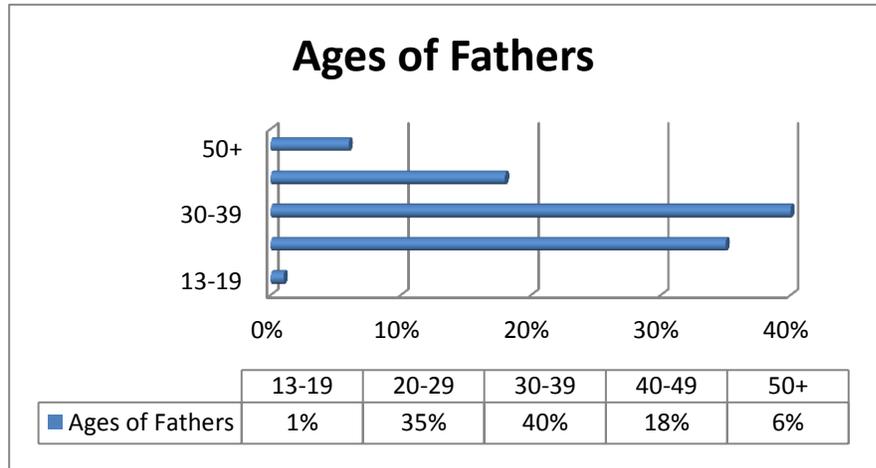


**Marital Status:** Approximately 57 percent of 460 fathers served were Single. This finding strongly correlates to the eye opening number of 71 percent of fathers served does not live with their child/ren. This is a saturated population of single non-custodial fathers seeking help. Married and separated fathers trail far behind with 13 percent and 12 percent respectively.

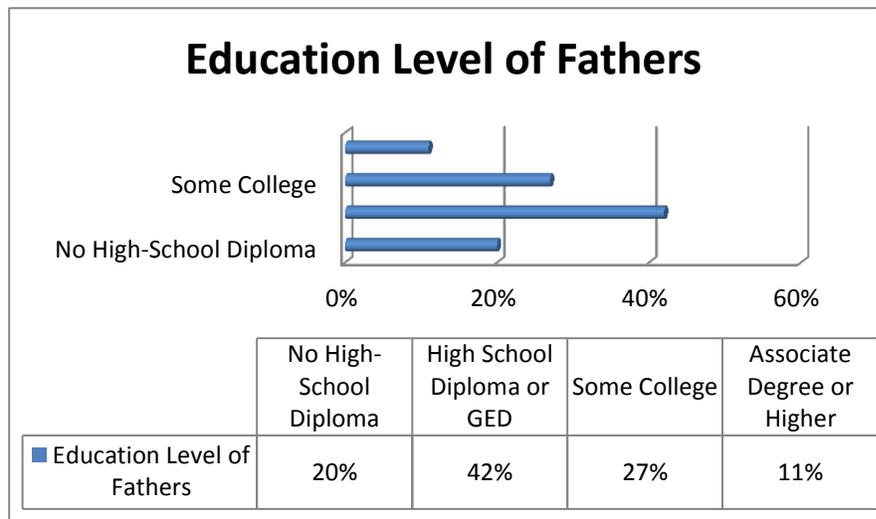
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**Ages of Fathers:** The majority of fathers fall within the 20-29 or 30-39 age brackets with a combined total of 75 percent. The additional age groups represent a small portion of the 460 father served.



**Education Level of Fathers:** Approximately 42 percent of 460 fathers served only have a high-school diploma. Many fathers are undereducated at 20 percent (1 out of 5) without a high-school diploma.



## Main Areas of Assistance Needed

Survey Question: What do you need help with? (Check all that apply)	Percent Needing Services
Employment	60%
Having a better relationship with my child/ren	58.5%
Having a better relationship with mother or legal guardian of my child/ren	51.5%
Parent Education	43%
Getting to spend time with my child/ren/ Visitation Issues	38%
Education	33.5%
Child support- Arrears (Overdue payments)	32%
Child support- Seeking Modification	31%
Felony Convictions	30%

## Key Statistics

- 55 percent (252) of 460 fathers served are currently in re-entry programs
- 60 percent of fathers served, acknowledged needing help with employment while 72 percent answered they were not employed
  - Major barriers to employment prior convictions (61%), no driver's license (52%), transportation (18%) and education (18%).
- There are a total of 215 participants in the OCF program with open active cases in enforcement mode
  - 49 percent of fathers served are initially behind on child support payments
  - 437 children are covered by child support orders of those in the OCF program
  - There are 382 active child support cases for participants in the OCF program
  - 18 participants who had not made a payment previously have made payments since starting the OCF program
  - A total of \$6,265 was collected from participants who had not previously made payments
- 55 percent do not have a legal parenting time order for their child/children
- When asked whether Children Services has ever been involved with them or their child/ren, 40 percent of fathers answered yes
- 35 percent are involved in a drug/alcohol abuse treatment program
- 33 fathers filed for Parenting Time Orders and 23 fathers received Parenting Time Orders
- 15 fathers had their licenses reinstated